**Fireworks Statement**

On June 20, 2018, the Ephraim City Council passed a resolution strongly encouraging residents to find an alternative way to celebrate the 4th of July this year rather than lighting fireworks.

New State legislation prohibits cities from banning fireworks city-wide; however, the City is experiencing extreme dry conditions and Mayor Squire and the City Council would like you to be aware of the following:

- With reduced watering by the City, College and School District, we are experiencing extreme fire hazard conditions.

- Drought conditions and water levels have seriously jeopardized emergency water storage for fire suppression.

- The discharge of aerial and/or explosive fireworks would be considered careless and negligent given the current conditions.

- Residents will be held liable for the cost of any fire suppression or damage caused by fireworks.

- Residents will be cited up to $1,000 for not following the new State dates and hours for lighting fireworks:
  - **July 2-5** and **July 22-25** between the hours of 11 am and 11 pm and midnight on the 4th and 24th

Mayor Squire stated, “My family and I will find another way to celebrate together. It’s not about fireworks, it’s about family and celebrating freedom. We can find other ways to celebrate that don’t pose the possible threat that fireworks do.”

We wish you a happy and safe 4th of July and encourage you to join The Mayor and Council in finding alternative ways to celebrate this year.
Water Update

Ephraim City discovered a water leak in Ephraim Canyon in the main line that feeds the City from our springs. This leak was in an area with a lot of water pressure in the pipeline and a large amount of water was lost. The repair was completed by City crews but when the water was turned back on, they discovered a second leak a short distance away that may have been impacted by the first leak.

City crews have temporarily addressed the second leak by diverting most of the water to a different pipeline and are working now to repair the second leak. With the water mostly diverted to another pipeline, the water is flowing and our tanks are filling again.

City crews have taken the necessary precautions to ensure that the water remains safe to drink.

There are no current water restrictions, but the City encourages conservation of water.

Ephraim City will continue to post updates as necessary on the City Facebook page and on the City Website. Ephraim City will issue an update when the repair is complete.

We are still in a very dry water year which is affecting our water supply, and the water situation is being monitored closely. When we get to the point of requiring actual city-wide water restrictions, we will put out a press release to local media, and will post official notices on our webpage and on the City Facebook page, as well as put notice in the newsletter. Please watch for future information and updates from these sources.

Granary Art Center

Free art workshops for kids of all ages! Granary Arts invites you and your family to join us for our Workshop Wednesday! 3:30 - 4:30 pm at Granary Arts.

Free and open to the public. Children ages 7 and younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Parents are welcome.

All materials will be provided. Arrive on time to ensure your spot!

Workshop Wednesday July Schedule:
- 7/4 - No Workshop - Closed for holiday
- 7/11 - Sun Prints in the spirit of Carleton Watkins
- 7/18 - Splatter Painting in the style of Jackson Pollock
- 7/25 - No workshop

Granary Arts is located in the historic Ephraim granary (86 N Main Street). For more information please visit www.granaryarts.org and find us on Facebook.